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### ***Traffic Stop by Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy Results in Arrest and Seizure of Approximately Seven Pounds of Marijuana***

Flagstaff, AZ – On Monday March 22, 2010 at about 2:30 p.m. a Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy who was traveling North on Forest Service Road 505 (Leupp Road) observed a 1999 Ford Explorer that was traveling in the opposite direction or south bound. According to the deputy's dash mounted two way moving speed radar, the vehicle's speed was 76 miles per hour.

The deputy affected a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver who was identified as 57 year old Daniel Yazzie of Pinon Arizona. Upon his initial contact with Mr. Yazzie the deputy detected a strong odor commonly associated with burning marijuana emitting from the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

During a subsequent investigation and conversations with Mr. Yazzie and the second occupant of the vehicle the deputy determined that Mr. Yazzie had recently smoked a marijuana cigarette in the vehicle and discovered the presence of a usable amount of marijuana and paraphernalia in the front seat of the vehicle and the presence of a larger quantity of marijuana in the cargo compartment. The deputy obtained voluntary consent to search the vehicle and discovered approximately 7 pounds of marijuana in shrink wrap in 5 different packages of varying amounts in the rear compartment.

The deputy placed Daniel Yazzie under arrest for one count of Possession and Use of Marijuana, one count of Possession of Marijuana for Sale, one count of Transportation of Marijuana for Sale, one count of Possession of Paraphernalia and one count of Excessive Speed. Mr. Yazzie was transported to the Coconino County Detention Facility. This investigation will be continued by the Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (Metro).

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